

**SPliced GENE OF KSHV/HHV8, ITS PROMOTER  
AND MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES SPECIFIC FOR LANA2**

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

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This invention provides an isolated nucleic acid which encodes a Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus latency-associated nuclear antigen 2 polypeptide (LANA2) or a fragment thereof and also provides the LANA2 polypeptide.

10 This invention provides an isolated nucleic acid comprising consecutive nucleotides having the sequence of a promoter of Kaposi's sarcoma-associated herpesvirus latency-associated nuclear antigen 2 transcription. This invention also provides a method of inhibiting p53 mediated apoptosis of a  
15 cell and a method of producing an antibody which comprises introducing into a cell a replicable vector of the subject invention.